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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO: THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE ONTO THE PRESIDENT ON
MY TALKS WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN.

THE SHAH SAID HE WOULD BE GOING TO EGYPT ON JANUARY 7
AND WOULD DO WHAT HE WOULD TO STRENGTHEN PRESIDENT
SADAT'S WILL. SINCE ISRAEL WILL NOT "BE SLEEPING" DURING THE
STALEMATE PERIOD, THERE INEVITABLY ARISES THE QUESTION
OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SOVIETS COULD STAY ALOOF IF
WAR WERE TO BREAK OUT AGAIN AND SYRIA BE MILITARILY DEFEATED.

AT THIS POINT THE SHAH SPOKE OF IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO THE KURDS AND DESCRIBED THE ARTILLERY AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT
WHICH HE HAS GIVEN THEM. HE POINTED OUT THAT EVEN IF THE IRAQUIS
SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYING THE KURDS, THEY WILL STILL BE NAILED DOWN
ON THE IRANIAN BORDER WHERE THEY WOULD IN ANY EVENT PREFER TO
BE AS AGAINST FACING THE ISRAELIS ON THE SYRIAN FRONT. THE
SHAH IS WORRIED ABOUT THE 100,000 REFUGEES WHICH HE IS NOW
CARING FOR IN NORTHWESTERN IRAN AND IS ANXIOUS FOR AMERICAN
ASSISTANCE IN GETTING INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS TO
HELP WITH THE PROBLEM.

THE VARIOUS OPTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WERE DISCUSSED MOST
OF THEM BEING DESCRIBED AS UNWORKABLE IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT.
THIS GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE SHAH CONFIDENTIALLY
THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ACCEPT ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO AND THAT
CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR GOING FORWARD FOR MILITARY ACTION
IN THE EVENT THAT ONE WERE TO EVENTUATE. THE SHAH IMMEDIATELY
REPLIED THAT IRAN WOULD NOT GO ALONG IN ANY WAY WERE AN EMBARGO
TO EVENTUATE IN THIS CONTEXT. HE ASKED WHY THE UNITED STATES
DID NOT PLAN TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL C-5 AIRCRAFT TO IMPROVE ITS
CAPACITY FOR INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THAT HE
WAS PREPARED TO PUT UP THE \$165 MILLION WHICH IT WOULD COST
TO START UP THE LOCKHEED PRODUCTION LINE PROVIDED THAT THE US
AIR FORCE WAS PREPARED TO PLACE SOME ORDERS. THE PRESIDENT OF
LOCKHEED WHO WAS IN TEHRAN A FEW DAYS AGO TOLD HIM THAT THERE
WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SAUDI ARABIANS AND THE WEST GERMANS
MIGHT BUY C-5'S.